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TEN CENTS

PLAYERS ELECT OFFICERS COMEDY TO BE PRESENTED SOON

Members of Drama League of Washington Addresses Society—
Coach Secured.

The second meeting of the George Washington branch of the Drama League of Washington, formerly the G. W. Players, was held in the chapel Hall Wednesday evening. Officers of the association were elected for the coming year, and other business incident to the entrance of the Players into the Drama League was transacted.

President Cameron Burton was re-elected. His active interest in dramatics in George Washington and the part he played in the amalgamation of the Players and the Drama League placed him in a position to fulfill the duties of his office.

Elizabeth Earnest was elected vice-president. Gertrude Walters is the new secretary and Foster Hagan treasurer. These officers have all worked to further the welfare of the Players in the past and are acquainted with the working of this branch of student activities.

The large number of students present at the meeting gave indication that dramatics will be given hearty support. A representative of the Drama League spoke to the Players. He is to be coach of plays rendered by students of G. W., and in talking of the season's work he commended the members for the action taken in regard to entrance into the league. He advised them in selecting plays to choose a comedy for the first presentation, and impressed on each member the necessity of learning their parts thoroughly even before rehearsing.

The committee on plays reported several that had been considered, but as yet no action has been taken for the production of any one play. The committee has been given full power to choose the play for the first presentation, which will be some time in the early part of November, in the central theatre of the league. This play will undoubtedly be a one-act comedy, short enough to give time for plays of at least two other members of the league on the same evening. Later in the season longer and more complex plays will be given.

Some comment was caused by a motion to elect a press representative. Publicity will be taken care of by a committee appointed by the president, as has been the custom.

Many Players of past years were in the meeting, among whom were Detlow Marthinson and Janney Nichols, both former characters well known to productions of G. W. students. Many first-year men were present and from them interest and work for the association can be expected. Girls were plentiful and there seems to be an abundance of material for leading ladies or chorus girls, whichever may be in demand.

The next meeting of the organization will be held Wednesday, October 23, on which day it is planned to stage the first try-out for the initial play of the season. All students who expect to take part in dramatics should be present at that meeting.

The new coach will be at the meeting and give primary instructions and advice to members.

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PROMISING MATERIAL IN VIEW

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George Washington University basketball players, under a coach to be picked soon, will start the season's practice about November 15, 1919, with the best prospects that has been had for many years for a victorious team.

If the students' activity tax is subscribed to in sufficient number to enable the Student Council to advance enough money, a coach is to be hired, who can give his entire time to the team. Heretofore there has not been a coach for basketball who could be at every practice and at every game to give the men the necessary tutorage.

The basketball manager has been keeping in constant communication with the managers and athletic directors of other schools in the effort to complete a schedule which will include teams such as Bucknell, Lafayette, Dickinson, Georgetown, Catholic University, Galaudet, Maryland State and others with whom definite engagements have not yet been decided upon.

A trip is being arranged for the team through Maryland and Pennsylvania, playing some of the best teams of the districts visited.

Captain-elect Eugene Underwood has already had a number of men out several evenings during the past few weeks, and reports a very prosperous outlook. Among the letter men who have definitely decided to come back are Underwood, Charlie Boteler, White and Ladd. Two new men who will report that are worthy of mention are Sammie Roberts, a former high school star, and Mark Hanna, who has played some real college basketball.

George Washington will have a large number of men out, but there will be the need of every man before the season ends. Ladd is the only man who will return that has held down the forward position, but it is expected that there will be some good goal-shooters among the new prospects.

The schedule and date of opening practice will appear in a later issue of THE HATCHET.

Will the Freshman who called The Hatchet a "Sunday School Times" please call at this office? Positions on the staff are always open for men of IDEAS.



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1923.

Gallihan

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William Vaughn.

Kappa Sigma.

1923

S. L. Black.

John Ridgway.

Phi Chi.

Gaines.

Masson.

Phi Alpha.

Edward Liefer.

Samuel Dodek.

There will be a meeting of the Engineering Society tonight, preceded by a supper, served by the Sphinx Honor Society, in the back physics laboratory.

NOTED SCULPTOR TO GIVE LECTURE.

Mr. David Edstrom, the sculptor, of New York City, will lecture on Friday, October 17, before the class in the History and Appreciation of Painting, George Washington University, at 5 P. M., 2025 G street, first floor. Mr. Edstrom, who has recently designed two very beautiful statues of Isis and Nephtys for the Scottish Rite Temple in this city, will discuss his work and student life abroad. Students or the University and their friends, as well as the public generally, are cordially invited to be present.

FALL CONVOCATION TO BE HELD THURSDAY

CLASSES TO BE SUSPENDED

Four Honorary and Thirty in Course Degrees to Be Conferred—Dinner for Recipients of Honorary Degrees to Be Given in Evening.

The fall convocation of the University will be held on Thursday, October 23, at 4:30 o'clock. In addition to about thirty degrees in courses conferred by the various departments of the University, honorary degrees will be conferred upon Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington; Mr. Otto H. Kahn; Mr. William A. Day, of New York City, and Judge John D. Teller, of Auburn, N. Y.

The convocation address will be delivered by Senator Poindexter, and the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, of St. Johns Church, Lafayette Square, will deliver the prayer and benediction.

Classes will be suspended in time to permit students to attend these exercises, and all students are expected to be present at the convocation in lieu of attending their classes. The president of the University is particularly anxious that this convocation, which is somewhat more elaborate than usual, be a great success, and to that end he asks that all students and members of the faculties co-operate by attending.

Graduates, recipients of honorary degrees, members of the faculty and of the Board of Trustees will assemble in the basement dining-room of the New Masonic Temple at 4 o'clock in academic costume, to march into the auditorium. It is not expected that the convocation services will exceed an hour in length.

On the evening of convocation day at 7:30 o'clock a University dinner will be held at Rauscher's, on the corner of Connecticut avenue and L street, in honor of the recipients of honorary degrees. Members of the Board of Trustees, of the University Council, of the faculties and the student body and friends of the University are invited to subscribe to this dinner, tickets to which at \$3.50 apiece may be obtained from the Treasurer of the University up until noon on Wednesday, October 23.

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The response of the student body, however, has not been as enthusiastic as was anticipated. Unquestionably the tax gives every signer full value for his money, but it would seem from the returns that many George Washington students do not wish to receive full value for their money if it is to come in the guise of student activities. This is a very deplorable situation.

Nevertheless, the response has been sufficient to enable the Student Council to manage affairs on a comfortable financial basis, and on a somewhat wider scale than heretofore.

The tax cards have been turned in very irregularly in point of time, and a great many of them have been deficient in that they did not state the address or the college of the signer. In view of this situation it may be some time before all the stubs, signed by a Dean, can be returned to the signer, and THE HATCHET will undoubtedly experience difficulty in completing its mailing list.

If any tax signer is anxious about the return of his stub or does not receive his HATCHET, let him write a note to this effect to the manager, tax campaign, care THE HATCHET office, 2023 G street, stating his name, college and address, and these defects will be remedied as promptly as possible.

KAPPA ALPHA GIVES ANNUAL TEA

Members of the University fraternities and sororities were guests of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at their new house, 2511 Fourteenth street, at a reception-tea-dance last Saturday between 5 and 7 o'clock P. M.

President and Mrs. Collier were introduced to all the guests, together with the deans of the various departments and their wives. Following the reception, a dance was held and refreshments were served during the affair.

Guests were met at the door by the following reception committee: Russell Hollingworth, Hugh Duffey and Frank Myers. The sister club of the fraternity was active in entertaining.

representation of students will be present to confirm the president in his desire to make this a general University affair.

The Hatchet is "The Students' Medium"—subscribe.

PROMINENT WASHINGTONIANS AID IN ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN

Among the prominent men of Washington who are helping in the Roosevelt Memorial Association campaign of October 20-27 is Rear Admiral W. S. Benson, former chief of naval operations. Henry C. Lodge, U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, is an honorary vice-president of the association. General Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff, has approved the plans of erecting the permanent memorial to Colonel Roosevelt. Colonel E. M. House, commissioner plenipotentiary of the United States of America, has written from Paris to express his pleasure at being associated with the organization of the Roosevelt Memorial Association. Frank J. Hogan is chairman of the District of Columbia division of the Roosevelt Memorial Association. John Poole, of the Federal National Bank in Washington is treasurer. These two men will have an important part in the campaign, which is to be begun on October 20 for the purpose of obtaining additional members for the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

Another well-known Washingtonian, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, is a member of the national committee of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, as is Rear Admiral R. E. Peary.

The following statements from Rear Admiral Benson, Senator Lodge, General March and Colonel House were sent to William Boyce Thompson, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

W. S. Benson

"I am glad indeed that this move for memorials to Theodore Roosevelt is being made, for if ever in the history of our country we have needed to hold before the people the example of a loyal American with the proper appreciation of true Americanism, that time is now. I know of no man whose precept and example could be more inspiring in combatting the present radical tendencies which threaten the very foundations of our institutions than those of ex-President Roosevelt.

Henry Cabot Lodge

"He had the touch of the knight-

errant in his daily life, although he would never have admitted it; but it was there. It was not visible in the medieval form of shining armor and dazzling tournaments, but in the never-ceasing effort to help the poor and oppressed, to defend and protect women and children, to right the wronged and succor the downtrodden. Passing by on the other side was not a mode of travel through life ever possible to him; and yet he was as far distant from the professional philanthropist as could well be imagined, for all he tried to do to help his fellow-men he regarded as part of the day's work to be done and not talked about. No man ever prized sentiment or hated sentimentality more than he. He preached unceasingly the familiar morals which lie at the bottom of both family and public life. The blood of some ancestral Scotch covenant or of some Dutch Reformed preacher facing the tyranny of Philip of Spain was in his veins, and with his large opportunities and his vast audiences he was always ready to appeal for justice and righteousness. But his own personal ideals he never attempted to thrust upon the world until the day came when they were to be translated into realities of action."

Peyton C. March

"The plan for erecting a permanent memorial to Colonel Roosevelt appeals in a peculiar manner to the officers of the United States army. Colonel Roosevelt's virility, force, and aggressive Americanism are qualities which are desired in every soldier, and he typifies to us the fighting American."

E. M. House

"I consider it both a privilege and a pleasure to be associated even in a small way with the purposes of your organization. Theodore Roosevelt needs no memorial, but coming generations should be constantly reminded of what he stood for in our public life. When he died a great, virile, wholesome figure disappeared from amongst us. Roosevelt does not belong to many generations. Let us be thankful that he belonged to ours."

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DR. MONROE ADDRESSES CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Explains the Need of Co-Operation in Any Work—Tells of Importance of Chemistry and Chemical Knowledge in the Recent War.

On Friday evening, October 10, in Chemistry Hall No. 2, Dr. Charles E. Monroe delivered an interesting address on the importance to the chemical student of other subjects besides chemistry to a large and enthusiastic meeting of the George Washington University Chemical Society. Dr. Monroe is not only a staunch supporter of chemistry in general, but a true and tried friend of the George Washington University and its Chemical Society, and whenever the announcement is made that he is going to speak everyone knows that an interesting lecture is assured. The address that he gave last Friday evening was no exception.

He opened his talk with short preliminary remarks about how in the solution of the problems of war the lesson of the advantage of co-operation was brought out and the necessity of education, training and experience for success in research. He told about how in the problems of the offense against the submarine thousands of methods were suggested, the majority of which were practically worthless on account of the fact that the people who suggested them were untrained, and, on the other hand, how much good was accomplished by the co-operative research of trained men who had been obtained from the laboratories of our universities, who, although they had never tackled such problems before, were able to accomplish excellent results. This fact was again demonstrated by the achievements of the Chemical Warfare Service of the army, where by the aid of trained men poisonous gases were produced and manufactured on a large scale.

In taking up the importance of other topics besides chemistry, Dr. Monroe explained how electricity, for example, played a very large part in analyses, and how the electric current which has been used in the isolation of many metals is now being used for the purification of clays. Clays have long been used and are of vast importance in the manufacture of household and industrial utensils. He explained how phosphene, an old friend to those students who worked in the chemical laboratories during the war, was now being used to remove the iron from the clay, thus making

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Below is a list of names of persons to whom mail has been sent and which has not been called for. These letters may be had upon application.

Letters:

Thaddeus Baker
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Ray F. Guynn
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Professor B. J. Howard
Thomas Morrissey
Private Leo Martin Noon
John A. O'Brien
Mrs. J. W. Peyton
Harry Robinson
E. E. Troxille

Packages:

Major W. H. Hobson

ing available for use many clays that were formerly unsatisfactory.

Dr. Monroe explained how botany, zoology, geology, and especially mineralogy, were of importance. He dwelt for some length on tourmaline, which is known and remembered by all students of mineralogy on account of its beauty and the different shades of colors in which it appears, and how it is being applied in connection with explosives in the accurate measurement of the pressure which is exerted on rifles and guns in the discharge of projectiles.

Dr. Monroe closed his address by pointing out the recognition that the chemist had gained in the war by the brilliant record that the Chemical Warfare Service made, and expressed the hope that there might be established in the new army reorganization bill a department of chemistry along the lines of the medical and ordnance departments, to be filled, as he expressed it, "from top to bottom by expert chemists."

The officers and members of the Chemical Society were much encouraged by the large attendance present and by the large number of new members who joined the society. It was especially gratifying to see a number of the alumni present. The next meeting of the Chemical Society will be duly announced in THE HATCHET, and it is hoped that everybody who is studying chemistry or who is in any way interested in the subject will be present.

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WANTED—Attractive young ladies to be escorted to Engineering Society dance, October 23, at the Home Club. Communicate with the Engineering Reporter through THE HATCHET office before October 21, stating addresses and phone number. Formal introductions will be arranged.



Chi Omega entertained at the sorority room with a Chinese dinner. Incense and dimly lighted lanterns were employed to give an Eastern atmosphere. Chinese dishes were served the members and guests.

Phi Mu entertained at a Bohemian party on Saturday, October 18th, at the home of Evelyn Jones, on Keokuk street.

Kappa Sigma's formal dance for its pledges was given on October 11, with all the usual Kappa Sig pep and spirit.

A smoker was held at the Chapter House on October 10.

Sigma Phi Epsilon held two successful smokers on September 27th and October 4th. The dance given by them at the house Wednesday, October 8th, was the largest in the history of the chapter.

Seventy-five Delta Taus in Washington attended the regular monthly banquet of the fraternity, held October 9th in the Chapter House. Brother Dan Borden, Dean of the Medical School and former major in the A. E. F., explained the modern evacuation hospital. Big Bill Summers, captain of G. W.'s finest football team, spoke on Delta Tau and the school of the old days.

Phi Chapter of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity opened its activities for the scholastic year 1919-20 by holding an informal smoker on Saturday, October 10, 1919. A full quota of the active chapter was present. Brothers "Bill" Gill, U. S. N., Storch, U. S. N., and Bolton, U. S. A., were among those present and told everything to be heard about the war zone except their own achievements. Among the noted speakers of the evening were Drs. Bovee, Borden, Acker and Ellison.



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Detlow Marthinson begs to state that he is not suffering from shell-shock, as was printed last week.

Sunny Shreve, Delt, has returned to the Engineering School after six months at Brest with this man's navy.

Helen Fabst, Phi Mu, spent the week end at West Point, where she attended a hop and football game.

L. L. Guarnieri, C. C., '19, is now practicing law in Warren, Ohio.

C. S. Morris, C. C., '22, has taken up his studies in Ohio State University.

W. C. Moran, C. C., '22, is attending the University of California.

Since the first of the month, Professor Warner has been spending his time cleaning up the electrical laboratory and getting it into shape.

Joseph H. Wilson, B. S. in M. E., '19, has been appointed instructor in mechanical drawing.

Hamilton Martin, Theta Delta Chi, has returned to Washington after an extensive tour through the west.

Col. Cassius Dowell, Theta Delta Chi, who has served in France the past two years, has returned to the law school.

"Vic" Cutting, of Theta Chapter, Phi Sigma Kappa, is living at the Chapter House now.

Jim Hornaday and Clark Coleman, of Phi Sigma Kappa, have gone to the University of Pennsylvania.

Stupid Steve had Russ Whyte out for dinner the other night—but Russ paid for it.

Fred Shoemaker, Delta Tau Delta, has returned to school along with Royal Foster and Pete McCoy, also Deltas.

Pherson Meeks, Delta Tau Delta, is attending George Washington.

John Herrman, of Michigan, is attending George Washington.

Nichol Sandoe, Delt from Dartmouth, is at the law school this year.

John Marshall Chapter of Phi Delta Phi held the first meeting of the year at the Sterling Hotel last Tuesday night. The assembled chapter celebrated the occasion by an excellent dinner. The meeting was presided over by Brother Johns, consul for the present year, and a lusty crowd of twenty men surrounded the festive board.

Plans for the year were discussed. Brother Shorb was elected delegate to the national convention, to be held in a mid-western city in November. The names of many candidates for Phi Delta Phi were considered, and it was decided to hold a smoker on October 27 to entertain these men. Prospects are bright for a Phi Delta Phi room in one of the large office buildings in the heart of the city, according to the opinions on that topic.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY ANNOUNCES DANCE

To Be Held at Home Club Thursday Night—"Lotsapep" Expected.

It had to happen, and the sooner the better. The engineers, from what we can learn, have come out of their shell, via the Engineering Society; they have taken an injection of "pep," so to speak. The first thing they did this year was to give a smoker, which taxed the capacity of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, and now, alas, they are going to take a "fling" in the social whirl via Terpsichore; in other words, they are going to have a honest-to-goodness dance, and, note, it is the first dance to be given by any of the school organizations this year. The engineers' new slogan is "We lead in everything." The place for the dance is the Home Club, Seventeenth and H streets, N. W.; the date, October 23, 1919; the price, \$1.50, including war tax; the style, informal.

It can no longer be said that the engineering student takes no interest in anything not involving thoughts of trig, calculus, thermo and other subjects bearing similar cognomens.

From time immemorial the engineering student when approached upon the subject of attending a dance or other social function, has as a rule come back with the reply that he doesn't know any girl. Certain members of the Engineering Society who are acquainted with members of the fair sex are taking steps to get their less fortunate colleagues acquainted, so they may make use of what they learned for the six bucks they paid a dancing teacher.

The latest orchestral creation of Prof. Jazz has been engaged for the evening, as well as the newest private dance floor.

It is safe to predict that all who attend this function will spend a most enjoyable evening, because the engineer always successfully terminates anything he starts.

Future announcements of this function will be posted soon.

At Cornell Summer School.

Elizabeth Humphrey: "I'm in the story teller's class."

Fresh Guy: "When did you join the faculty?"

MASTER MASONS HOLD FIRST FALL MEETING

The Masonic Club of the University held its first meeting of the school year Saturday, the 18th instant, in the Commandery Room of the New Masonic Temple. The evening was given over to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Several candidates held over from last spring successfully traversed the rough and rugged road leading to membership in the organization.

The club is strictly a social organization. It was founded in March, 1916, for the purpose of promoting good fellowship among the Masons in the University. If present plans materialize it will be in a clubhouse of its own before the end of the present school year. At present the club holds its meetings in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, on the third Saturday of each month.

In addition to its regular monthly meetings, the club has planned for the near future a dance, a banquet, and a ladies' night, when the members of the fair sex may be permitted to witness a candidate trying to gain admission to membership. Little if any business is transacted at the meetings, the entire evening being given over to "having a good time." Refreshments and smokes prevail at every meeting.

All Master Masons connected with the University are eligible to membership, and are cordially invited to affiliate with the club. Inquiries regarding membership may be addressed to the president, Joseph P. James, U. S. Emergency Fleet Corporation, City.

SENIOR CLASS TO MEET OCTOBER 23

A meeting of the Senior Class, Columbian College, will be held Thursday evening, October 23, at 8 P. M., in the chapel. A meeting was called on Wednesday evening, October 15, but as only a few were present, the business of the meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

A nominating committee was elected, consisting of Miss Schaff and Messrs. Marthinson and Nichols. It is urged that all Seniors be present at the next meeting for election of class officers and discussion of Senior activities for the coming year.

The nominating committee will receive nominations, determine their eligibility and report the nominations to the chair at the next meeting. Nominations will also be received from the floor on Thursday evening.

I love to see the little birdies,
I love to hear them chirup;
But the things I love the best of all
Are buckwheat cakes and sirup.

MEDICAL CLASSES ELECT OFFICERS

Election of class officers have been held in all the classes of the Medical School except the Sophomore Class. For the Senior Class the officers are: Don Duffie, president; Charlton R. King, vice-president; Tommy Thompson, secretary-treasurer, and Herst Hayes, sergeant-at-arms.

The Junior Class elected Burton Glenn president, Aubrey Fischer vice-president, Clemant B. Masson secretary, Ray F. Quinn sergeant-at-arms, and Benjamin Slutsky treasurer.

For the Freshman Class, J. P. Earnest, Jr., was elected president, Benjamin F. Dean vice-president, and Radford Brown secretary-treasurer.

All classes are hard at work, especially the Seniors, who attend classes from 8 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. Although it is still early in the year, several members of that class are feeling the strain of acquiring a higher education.

The Junior Class was glad to see Charlie Demopolis return to school, after his strenuous summer in Greece.

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THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Should the student council be re-elected? is a question confronting students on all sides. Many arguments both pro and con have been advanced by students of G. W. U. An article in the Open Forum of last week's HATCHET, by Paul Mixer, Law, '22, is given as the starter of what may prove to be a change in regime in the school. Mr. Mixer, feeling that the mass of students are not represented by the council asks that a new election be held, in which the present members would either be retained or new ones would be named. His reasons were that more than a thousand new students and men who have returned to school from the army and navy, would wish to have a voice in the naming of a council to act for them.

Already replies to his letter have been received at the office of the HATCHET, several of these from present members of the council who desire to see the forms of past years carried out in this case. It has always been a custom to elect the new council in the closing days of the last semester. Such was done last semester and apparently the council was the choice of students at that time. The question seems to be whether students entering the school this year should be given preference over students entering in past years. If a referendum were taken in this case without a doubt, the precedence once established would continue in future years. Mr. Mixer has stated that the soldiers and others in war work, who have returned to school, numbering some hundreds, and among the most active while in school, are entitled to a vote on who shall represent them. Even were this point granted is it ever likely that another year will present the same problem? Those opposed to a re-vote think not.

If it is the consensus of opinion among students that a referendum should be taken and a new student council elected, representative of the present student body, then clearly it is the duty of the present student council to abide by the decision of the majority. But, if on the other hand, such a course is not desired, then let the matter stand. The advancement of school welfare is the primary interest. New students are as important to the welfare of the University as old. How can their interests best be furthered?

The faction opposed to a re-election feel that a council should be elected in the spring so that there may be no disorganization of school interests during the summer and in the early fall. They point out that if a council were to be elected in the fall term it would hinder the necessary conduct of student affairs incident to the opening of school. That group of students who have been absent from school by reason of the past emergency and new students as vitally interested in their future alma mater are sincere in the belief that their affairs should not be regulated in accordance with the will of a body with whom they have never had anything in common, and in whose appointment they had no voice. Many think that even with the graduation of the senior councilmen, the old council, which would in the new semester be composed of Sophomore, Junior and Senior members, could cope with the problems of the new year until a new council could be elected. The only class not represented would be the Freshmen and the council has never undertaken to give them such representation.

The problem of a new election is one which vitally concerns every member of the student body, and is one which must be given serious thought before an action is taken.

THE KAPPA ALPHA TEA

The tea-dance of the Kappa Alpha fraternity formally opened the season of social activity among the Greek letter organizations of the University. The tea-dance being in the nature of an open house to fraternities and sororities of G. W. gave many who are just entering the school an opportunity to meet their schoolmates and faculty. The presence of the president of the University and other faculty members at the tea-dance should bring into the minds of new students the thought that George Washington is merely a community working in the interest of every member. The manner in which the K. A.'s treated guests was probably the reason for the success of the gathering.

The Forum

(Signed articles relative to phases of student activities and the University in general will be printed in this column.)

TO THE EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY HATCHET:

Dear Sir—In the issue of THE HATCHET of October 13, 1919, I read in the Forum an article by Mr. Mixer on "The ability of the Student Council to reflect the judgment of this term's student body."

In reply I wish to say, as a Freshman in the Medical School, that Mr. Mixer's concern for the freshmen of the University is beautiful. To have a lordly Soph come out boldly in defense of the Fresh is pleasurable, if unusual. But the Fresh are not as badly in need of sophomore support as Mr. Mixer would have us believe.

Mr. Mixer has been informed that the Council "was elected last year by students who were then in the University," and quite correctly. If the gentleman had had such a concern for the welfare of the students as he expresses at the time of the election last May he would have known for a fact that due to an irregularity in the ballots there were two elections held in the Law School for Council representatives. In my turn, I understand that you entered the Law School no later than March, and such an irregularity in the election must certainly have come to your notice as an ardent Freshman of the Law School interested in student activities of the University.

It would indeed be dangerous to permit "the thousand or more new students who have entered college this fall" "to act on University matters" about which they know nothing. "If a referendum were polled the freshmen would vote to have the present occupants" of the Council "continue office," because the real freshman wishes to conform to the rules of the University and the student body, especially in affairs about which they have not had an opportunity to learn.

The Student Council does feel free to exercise the freedom of action and decision necessary to the successful execution of their purpose and duty, with the knowledge that they have the wholesome sanction of the majority of the student body of the University. You must remember that every member of the Council was nominated and elected by the students.

I agree with you most heartily when you say "We don't want a disgruntled faction in this University." So that this may not be, Mr. Mixer, follow out your own motto—"Let's protect the University and ourselves against any bolshevism in University affairs"—and instead of trying to overthrow a long-established practice, go to the next meeting of the Student Council on Wednesday, October 22, and tell them just what you and those with whom you have talked see in "the future" at such "a short distance" that will hinder George Washington University from taking "a more prominent place among the colleges." I assure you, as a former member of the Council, that your remarks will be gladly heard, and if there is any foundation for your concern for the prosperity of the University action will be taken to correct any errors that may have arisen.

Sincerely,
J. P. EARNST, JR.,
Columbia College, 20.
Medicine '23.

THE EDITOR, THE UNIVERSITY HATCHET:

My dear Sir—THE HATCHET of last week carried an article in the Forum which set forth that no inconsiderable number of men in the University believe that the Student Council does not

properly represent the student body of the University, because the new students had no opportunity to assist in the election of their representatives, and intimates that the Student Council does not have the support of the student body. I would like to reply to this article by a few brief remarks.

Let me ask, How intelligent would be the vote of the new students in the election of their representatives? Do they know who, in the past, have made sacrifices, toiled hard and produced results for George Washington? Do they know who are acquainted with the intricacies of student activities here? I feel certain that a negative answer is the only fair one.

Let me then ask, Is it not probable and natural that these new students, not being in a position to know the worth of the candidates for the Student Council, granting for the moment that an election might be held at this time, would be controlled in their voting by some demagogue, some charlatan? I think so.

What we need here at George Washington during this period of reconstruction is co-operation and boosting, not heckling and knocking. Complaints as to the condition of student activities should be made to the Student Council, which has all such activities in charge, and if this is not the method pursued in making criticisms, whoever makes them otherwise is very apt to bring upon himself the stigma of bad faith, and properly enough.

The motto of every student should be, with apologies to Stephen Decatur: "May my Alma Mater be always in the right; but my Alma Mater, right or wrong."

Very sincerely yours,
EUGENE UNDERWOOD, JR.,
C. C., 1919; Law, 1921.

WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB RUNNING MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

The Woman's University Club, under the lead of Pat Daniel, treasurer, has started a drive to increase the membership of the club. Opposing teams, called the "Buff" and the "Blue" have been appointed and have made plans to beat the opposing faction. Margaret Whitford, assisted by Nona Pollner and Margery Gary, is in charge of the day students, and Miss Pierce, with Martha McGrew and Ethel Johnson, in charge of the night.

A penalty, consisting of a luncheon served to the other team, has been set as an added incentive.

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Snizzie had a little cape;
With fringe all 'round the bottom,
And everywhere that "Snizzie" went,
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Monday—Meeting of Art Society.
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Wednesday—
Meeting G. W. U. Players.
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Thursday—Fall Convocation.
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4:30 P. M.
Meeting Senior Class, C. C.
A. & S. Assembly, 8:00 P.M.

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Stupid Stephen Days

"You can push a horse to water,
but a pencil must be lead."
"No matter how young a prune is,
it's always full of wrinkles."

A young lady has asked me to take her to St. Mark's. What denomination is this church?

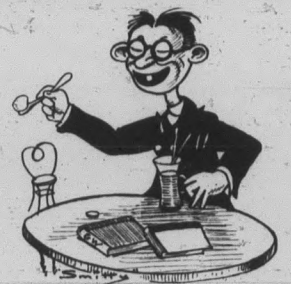
Ans.—St. Mark's is strictly vegetarian (see fruit salads, \$.60).

Dear Stupe:
How can I avoid cracking cut-glass in hot water?
Ans.—Don't wash it.

Dear Mr. Stupid:
Are black-haired men safer?
Ans.—Safer than what?

Dear Stupe:
What is meant by "Drink to me only with thine eyes?"
Ans.—In the old days it meant to read the wine list without ordering anything—but in these days it has no meaning.

Dear Steve:
In what part of the body is the crazy-bone located?
A Pre-medic.
Ans.—In some cases it is in the head. No offense meant.



POEMS.

The grass is green,
So is the bench.
I'm taking Spanish,
She's taking French.

Geraniums are red,
So is the rose.
If you can't reach the blackboard,
Stand on your toes.

She—Have you seen Service?
He—No, but I have read his poems.

Fresh—Surveying a little?
C. E. Stude—No, surveying a lot.

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